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SUBJECT: NORTH KOREAN ACTIVITIES REGARDING NONALIGNED CONFERENCE

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1. INFORMATION CONTAINED REFTEL RELAYED TO FOREIGN MINISTRY

UN DIVISION DIRECTOR YI CHONG-PIN MARCH 10.

2. YI EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR INFORMATION. HE ADVISED

THAT ROKG UNDERSTOOD NORTH KOREANS HAD REQUESTED OBSERVER

STATUS AT NON-ALIGNED COORDINATING COMMITTEE MEETING IN

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KABUL NEXT MONTH, AND HAD ASKED YUGOSLAV GOVERNMENT TO INCLUDE KOREAN QUESTION ON AGENDA FOR BELGRADE MEETING THIS SUMMER. YI ALSO REPORTED ROKG UNDERSTOOD THAT A WORKING GROUP HAD BEEN FORMED IN NEW YORK TO PREPARE FOR COORDINATING COMMITTEE MEETING, CONSISTING OF REPRESENTATIVES OF ALGERIA, YUGOSLAVIA, SRI LANKA, AFGHANISTAN, AND THE PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION. THIS

GROUP REPORTEDLY HELD ITS FIRST MEETING ON MARCH 8
AND MORE SESSIONS WERE EXPECTED.

3. SAME DAY DIRECTOR KIM CHAE-YONG OF INFORMATION DIVISION II (RESPONSIBLE FOR NORTH KOREAN AFFAIRS) ADVISED THAT VISIT BY KIM IL-SONG TO RANGOON IN APRIL NOW REGARDED AS FIXED. ACCORDING TO ROK REPORTS VICE PREMIER KONG CHIN-TAE HAD PROPOSED THE FINAL ARRANGEMENTS DURING HIS RECENT VISIT TO RANGOON AND NE WIN HAD ALLEGEDLY REPLIED THAT HE WAS AGREABLE "SUBJECT TO HIS BEING REELECTED".

4. DIRECTOR KIM ADDED THAT IT WAS CUSTOMARY FOR KIM IL-SONG TO VISIT SEVERAL COUNTRIES WHEN HE WENT ABROAD, AND THAT ROK RECORDS INDICATE KIM HAS OUTSTANDING INVITATIONS FROM PAKISTAN, MADAGASCAR, LAOS, CAMBODIA, EAST GERMANY, YUGOSLAVIA, AND EQUATORIAL GUINEA. KIM SAID THEY WERE WATCHING CLOSELY FOR INDICATIONS AS TO WHICH OF THESE KIM IL-SONG MIGHT GRACE WITH HIS PRESENCE. HE NOTED THAT PAK SONG-CH'OL HAD ADDED PAKISTAN TO HIS ITINERARY FAIRLY LATE IN HIS PRESENT TRIP TO AFRICA AND THE MIDDLE EAST, AND SPECULATED THAT ISLAMABAD MIGHT BE A LIKELY TARGET FOR KIM IL-SONG TRAVEL.

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